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Regular Meeting of the City Council, City of Iron Mountain, County of Dickinson, Michigan held on Monday, July 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room.

Presiding: Mayor Alessandrini

Present: Council Members Maule, List, Revord, Zemar, Celello & Blomquist

Absent: None

Also Present: City Manager Stanchina

Approval of Agenda

It was moved by Zemar and supported by Maule to approve the agenda, as submitted.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 19, 2017

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Celello to approve the minutes of June 19, 2017, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Set a Public Hearing to Consider the Sale of City-Owned Property Re: Overland Group

Stanchina detailed the request by the Overland Group to purchase City-owned property at the intersection of US-2 and Blaine Street. He recommend that a public hearing be set regarding the property's sale.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to set a public hearing for August 7, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the sale of City-owned property to the Overland Group with the inclusion of the City Attorney's amendments.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Economic Development Alliance Contribution

Stanchina outlined the plan for revamping the current Economic Development Alliance (EDA). He stated that the City budgeted \$5,000 for economic development and that the Downtown Development Authority did not receive their \$5,000 allocation from the previous budget. Stanchina relayed that a Chief Executive Officer will not be solicited until the necessary funds are raised for the position. He confirmed that a \$5,000 contribution would engage the City as a stakeholder in the EDA. Alessandrini stressed the importance of seeing results and receiving regular communication. Revord inquired as to the proposed bylaws and board make up. Blomquist communicated the idea that economic development is an overall plan and not a specific task. Revord and Blomquist raised their concerns regarding the defunding of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in order to contribute to the EDA. Stanchina imparted the City's need to contribute toward the re-establishment of the EDA. Maule expressed the desire to contribute to the EDA. Blomquist reiterated his objection to the defunding of the DDA. Alessandrini conveyed the idea that Dickinson County should be contributing a larger share of the EDA funding as they derive the most benefit.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Revord to authorize a contribution to the Economic Development Alliance in the amount of \$5,000.

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Maule Aye
List Aye
Revord Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Blomquist Nay
Ceello Aye
Zemar Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-6, Nay-1, Abstain-0)

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to approve a 2016-2017 Fiscal Year contribution to the Downtown Development Authority in the amount of \$5,000.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Request for Proposals Re: Garbage Collection Services

Stanchina notified the Council that the garbage collection contract with Great American Disposal will expire on September 15, 2017, and that the City will have to seek proposals for garbage collection services.

It was moved by Zemar and supported by List to solicit proposals for garbage collection services for a three-year period to be due on August 7, 2017.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Discussion of Franchise Agreement Re: Charter Communications

Stanchina presented a proposed 2% franchise fee on Charter Communication's services with the proceeds being earmarked for alley paving. He indicated that Northside TV would also be assessed the fee when their franchise agreement is renewed. Stanchina verified that Charter Communications and Northside Cable are the only utilities that are eligible for a franchise fee.

No Action Taken

Approval of Adjustment to the Administrative Salary Step Schedule

Stanchina reviewed his recommendations for the Administrative Salary Step Schedule. He revised his original recommendation for the Clerk/Treasurer's advancement from one step to half a step. Stanchina explained that he omitted himself from receiving a cost of living increase due to his pay rate and the current contract negotiations. He noted that the proportionately larger pay increase for the permanent part-time Police Department employees will aid in their retention. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Zemar to approve the Administrative Salary Step Schedule advancements as recommended by the City Manager, effective July 3, 2017.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Tower Lease Transfer Re: Dean Carollo

Stanchina submitted a request from Mr. Dean Carollo of Computer Connection to transfer the current tower lease from Education Media at a lower annual fee. He asked that the City Attorney be directed to negotiate the adjustment to the lease. It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Revord to negotiate the transfer of the Education Media tower lease.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of Dues Re: Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association

Stanchina requested that the City Council approve a 2017-18 investment allocation in the amount of \$300 to the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association. He attested to their efforts to facilitate and increase tourism in the Upper Peninsula.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Ceello to approve a 2017-18 investment allocation in the amount of \$300 to the Upper Peninsula Travel and Recreation Association.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Approval of July 4th Fireworks Display Permit Re: Spielbauer Fireworks Company

Stanchina reviewed a request by Spielbauer Fireworks Company for a Fireworks Display Permit on July 4, 2017.

It was moved by Alessandrini and supported by Maule to approve the request for a Fireworks Display Permit by Spielbauer Fireworks Company on July 4, 2017, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

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Consideration of Electronic Poll Book Grant Application Approval

Stanchina presented an Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Grant Application for approval. He detailed the rationale for switching to an electronic poll book. Stanchina verified that no additional information would be collected using the EPB.

It was moved by Blomquist and supported by Celello to approve the Qualified Voter File's Electronic Poll Book (EPB) Laptop & Accessories Purchase grant agreement, as presented.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Consideration of Election Inspector Pay Adjustment

Stanchina imparted a request to increase Election Inspector pay to \$9.72 per hour and the Chair Person Bonus to \$30 per election.

It was moved by Maule and supported by Celello to increase Election Inspector pay to \$9.72 per hour and the Chair Person Bonus to \$30 per election.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Reports

Financial Reports

None

City Manager Reports

Michigan Tax Tribunal Petitions

Stanchina reported on the pending tax tribunal petitions. Alessandrini voiced the opinion that the City needs revenue to offer services and that everyone has to pay their fair share. Stanchina asserted that the problem is the current Michigan tax system. Celello noted that the leader of these tribunal adjustments was reappointed with no opposition and that the sale of the K-mart Plaza shows the error of the dark store argument.

Alessandrini suggested that Margaret Street be swept. Stanchina conveyed that the Burger King/The Store facility will be cleaned up by either the insurance company or the City as a fire escrow will be submitted.

City Attorney Reports

None

Committee Reports

Labor Relations Committee

Stanchina announced that the Labor Relations Committee has been meeting.

Alessandrini appointed Zemar to the Parks and Recreation and Finance Committees.

Public Comment

None

Council Member Privilege

Celello addressed the enforcement of the fireworks ordinance.

Blomquist stated his support for the rejuvenation of the EDA and the continued efforts of the DDA.

List wished everyone a happy July 4th holiday.

Revord acknowledged Department of Public Works Supervisor Scott Thomas for doing a good job.

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Closed Session

Collective Bargaining Strategy

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to move into Closed Session to discuss collective bargaining at 7:58 P.M.

Maule Aye
Alessandrini Aye
Celello Aye
Zemar Aye
List Aye
Revord Aye
Blomquist Aye

Motion Prevailed (Aye-7, Nay-0, Abstain-0)


Executive Session ended at 8:14 p.m.

Adjournment

It was moved by Maule and supported by List to adjourn.

Motion Prevailed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Isaac Micheau
Clerk-Treasurer